

measures technology and administration.

Pursuant to (15 U.S.C. 272B), the National Institute of Standards and Technology supports the National Conference on Weights and Measures in order to promote uniformity among the States in the complex of laws, regulations, methods, and testing equipment that composes regulatory control by the States of commercial weighing and measuring.

DATES: The meeting will be held January 14–January 17, 2001.

LOCATION OF MEETING: Hilton Mesa Pavilion, Mesa, Arizona.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Henry V. Oppermann, Chief, NIST Office of Weights and Measures, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 2350, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899–2350. Telephone: (301) 975–5507, or E-mail: owm@nist.gov.

Dated: November 16, 2000.

Karen H. Brown,

Deputy Director, NIST.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Advanced Mobile Communications/ Third Generation Wireless Systems: Creation of Open Electronic Discussion Forum

AGENCY: National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) has created an open electronic-mail discussion forum (or “listserv”) on issues pertaining to the identification of radio spectrum for third generation wireless systems in the United States. This open forum is intended to complement the outreach program that President Clinton directed Secretary of Commerce to undertake, in the President’s October 13, 2000 Executive Memorandum on this subject. Participation in this listserv is open to all members of the public interested in discussing the issues.

DATES: The listserv will remain open until July 31, 2001, or such other time that NTIA determines. Please note that

routine maintenance of NTIA computer systems may render the list inactive for short periods of time.

ADDRESS: To subscribe to the mailing list, send an electronic mail message to <3glist-request@ntia.doc.gov>, leave the subject line blank and put the following command in the body of the message: <subscribe your first name your last name>. Instructions on how to subscribe will also appear on NTIA’s home page, <<http://www.ntia.doc.gov>>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: For further information, please contact Joe Gattuso, NTIA Office of Policy Analysis and Development, telephone: (202) 482–1880; fax: (202) 482–6173; e-mail: <jgattuso@ntia.doc.gov>; U.S. mail: National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Herbert C. Hoover Building, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Suite 4725, Washington, DC 20230.

Please direct media inquiries the NTIA Office of Public Affairs, at (202) 482–7002.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 13, 2000, President Clinton signed an Executive Memorandum directing federal agencies to work with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the private sector to identify radio spectrum needed for third generation (3G) wireless communications technology. To meet this goal, the President directed the Secretary of Commerce, among other things, to develop a plan by October 20, 2000, in cooperation with the FCC, the Department of Defense, and other federal agencies, setting forth the necessary steps that will result in licensing of third generation wireless systems by September 30, 2002. The President also directed the Secretary of Commerce to work cooperatively with the FCC to a lead a government-industry effort, through a series of regular public meetings and workshops, to develop recommendations and plans for identifying spectrum for third generation wireless systems consistent with the basic principles adopted at the World Radio Conference 2000.

NTIA is establishing this listserv to facilitate additional, open, public discussion of the issues presented. NTIA requests that participants keep discussions focused on issues related to identification of radio spectrum for 3G systems in the United States. NTIA will not actively moderate the listserv, but

staff will follow the discussions. NTIA does not intend this listserv to form a public record upon which to base future policy or administrative actions or activities. The views expressed in the listserv discussions are not necessarily endorsed by the NTIA, the Department of Commerce, or any other agency or entity of the United States Government. NTIA reserves the right to post an archive of messages to the listserv on its public website. More information on NTIA’s privacy policy is available at <<http://www.ntia.doc.gov/ntiahome/priv616.htm>>. Moreover, NTIA reserves the right not to post comments that it deems inappropriate.

The President’s Executive Memorandum, the Secretary’s statement, the 3G plan, the interim reports, and other information are available on NTIA’s web site at <<http://www.ntia.doc.gov/ntiahome.threeg.index.html>>.

Kathy D. Smith,

Chief Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 01–01]

36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Defense Security Cooperation Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense is publishing the unclassified text of a section 36(b)(1) arms sales notification. This is published to fulfill the requirements of section 155 of Public Law 104–164 dated 21 July 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. J. Hurd, DSCA/COMPT/RM, (703) 604–6575.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 01–01 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.

Dated: November 16, 2000.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEFENSE SECURITY COOPERATION AGENCY

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

1 NOV 2000
In reply refer to:
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Honorable J. Dennis Hastert
Speaker of the House of
Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-6501

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 01-01 and under separate cover the classified offset certificate thereto. This Transmittal concerns the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Poland for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$245 million. Soon after this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to notify the news media of the unclassified portion of this Transmittal.

Reporting of Offset Agreements in accordance with Section 36(b)(1)(C) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), as amended by Section 1245 of H.R. 3427 enacted by P.L. 106-113 dated November 29, 1999, requires a description of any offset agreement with respect to this proposed sale. Section 36(b)(1)(g) of the AECA, as amended, provides that reported information related to offset agreements be treated as confidential information in accordance with section 12(c) of the Export Administration Act of 1979 (50 U.S.C. App. 2411(c)). Information about offsets for this proposed sale are described in the enclosed confidential attachment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tome H. Walters, Jr." in a cursive style.

TOME H. WALTERS, JR.
LIEUTENANT GENERAL, USAF
DIRECTOR

Attachments

Separate Cover:
Offset certificate

Same ltr to: House Committee on International Relations
Senate Committee on Appropriations
Senate Committee on Foreign Relations
House Committee on National Security
Senate Committee on Armed Services
House Committee on Appropriations

Transmittal No. 01-01**Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer
Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1)
of the Arms Export Control Act**

- (i) **Prospective Purchaser:** Poland
- (ii) **Total Estimated Value:**
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| Major Defense Equipment* | \$6 million |
| Other | <u>\$239 million</u> |
| TOTAL | \$245 million |
- (iii) **Description of Articles or Services Offered:** In support of the proposed F-16A/B aircraft lease being notified separately, two F-16A Block 10 operational capabilities upgrade aircraft for cannibalization, two Pratt and Whitney F-100-PW-100/200 spare engines, two AN/APG-66 radar sets, upgrade of engines to F-100-PW-220, spare and repair parts, devices, support equipment, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics personnel services and other related elements of logistics support.
- (iv) **Military Department:** Air Force (SAA)
- (v) **Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid:** None
- (vi) **Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold:** See Annex attached
- (vii) **Date Report Delivered to Congress:** 1 NOV 2000

* as defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Poland - F-16A Block 10 Operational Capabilities Upgrade Aircraft

The Government of Poland (GOP) has requested a possible sale of two F-16A Block 10 operational capabilities upgrade (OCU) aircraft for cannibalization, two Pratt and Whitney F-100-PW-100/200 spare engines, two AN/APG-66 radar sets, upgrade of engines to F-100-PW-220, spare and repair parts, devices, support equipment, publications and technical documentation, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics personnel services and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$245 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by improving the military capabilities of Poland while enhancing weapon system standardization and interoperability with U.S. forces.

The Polish Air Force (PoAF) currently operates MiG-21, MiG-29 and SU-22 aircraft. These former Warsaw Pact fighters are expensive to operate and maintain, lack essential NATO interoperability capabilities, and are nearing the end of their useful service lives. This proposed sale and the associated lease aircraft will enhance NATO interoperability and simultaneously provide operational capabilities as the Soviet-era aircraft are eventually retired. This proposed sale will not impact regional military balance of power. It will also allow the PoAF to meet training requirements, as well as national air defense and NATO commitments, starting in early 2003.

The prime contractor will be Lockheed Martin Tactical Aircraft Systems of Fort Worth, Texas and Pratt and Whitney of East Hartford, Connecticut. One or more proposed offset agreements may be related to this proposed sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of four each U.S. Government and contractor representatives for four years to Poland.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

Transmittal No. 01-01**Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer
Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1)
of the Arms Export Control Act****Annex
Item No. vi****(vi) Sensitivity of Technology:**

1. The F-16A Block 10 operational capability upgrade aircraft and Pratt and Whitney F-100-PW-100/200 engine are unclassified. The aircraft does not contain state-of-the-art technology.

2. The F-100 engines and the associated component parts used in F-16A aircraft are unclassified. However, several manufacturing processes, design practices, and metallurgical fabrication techniques used are advanced technology methods found only in the U.S. propulsion technology industry. The sale of F-100 engines to Poland will not include the transfer of sensitive technology since the proposed sale does not include manufacturing processes, design practices, or metallurgical fabrication techniques.

3. A determination has been made that Poland can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the technology being released as the U.S. Government. This proposed sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the policy justification portion of the notification.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary****Civilian Health and Medical Program of
the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS);
Fiscal Year 2001 Diagnosis Related
Group (DRG) Updates**

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of DRG revised rates.

SUMMARY: This notice describes the changes made to the TRICARE/CHAMPUS DRG-based payment system in order to conform to changes made to the Medicare Prospective Payment System (PPS).

It also provides the updated fixed loss cost outlier threshold, cost-to-charge ratios and the Internet address for accessing the updated adjusted standardized amounts, DRG relative weights, and beneficiary cost-share per diem rates to be used for FY 2001 under the TRICARE/CHAMPUS DRG-based payment system.

EFFECTIVE DATES: The rates, weights and Medicare PPS changes which affect the TRICARE/CHAMPUS DRG-based payment system contained in this notice are effective for admissions occurring on or after October 1, 2000.

ADDRESSES: TRICARE Management Activity (TMA), Medical Benefits and Reimbursement Systems, 16401 East Centretech Parkway, Aurora, CO 80011-9043.

For copies of the **Federal Register** containing this notice, contact the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402, (202) 783-3238. The charge for the **Federal Register** is \$1.50 for each issue payable by check or money order to the Superintendent of Documents.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marty Maxey, Medical Benefits and Reimbursement Systems, TMA, telephone (303) 676-3627.

To obtain copies of this document, see the **ADDRESSES** section above. Questions regarding payment of specific claims under the TRICARE/CHAMPUS DRG-based payment system should be addressed to the appropriate contractor.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The final rule published on September 1, 1987 (52 FR 32992) set forth the basic procedures used under the CHAMPUS DRG-based payment system. This was subsequently amended by final rules published August 31, 1988 (53 FR 33461), October 21, 1988 (53 FR 41331), December 16, 1988 (53 FR 50515), May 30, 1990 (55 FR 21863), October 22, 1990 (55 FR 42560), and September 10, 1998 (63 FR 48439).

An explicit tenet of these final rules, and one based on the statute authorizing the use of DRGs by TRICARE/CHAMPUS, is that the TRICARE/CHAMPUS DRG-based payment system is modeled on the Medicare PPS, and that, whenever practicable, the TRICARE/CHAMPUS system will follow the same rules that apply to the Medicare PPS. HCFA publishes these changes annually in the **Federal Register** and discusses in detail the impact of the changes.

In addition, this notice updates the rates and weights in accordance with our previous final rules. The actual changes we are making, along with a description of their relationship to the Medicare PPS, are detailed below.